

FISTULARIA TABACARIA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum cylindricum, apice maxillosum.

Membrana branchiostega radiis septem.

Corpus elongatum.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

FISTULARIA fusca cæruleo maculata, abdomine albedo, pinnis rubris, cauda bifida setifera.

Abdominales.

FISTULARIA TABACARIA. F. cauda bifida setifera.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 515.

Solenostomus, &c.

Klein M. Pisc. 4. p. 25. n. 4.

Insignit *Fistulariæ* genus forma rostri et longitudo corporis. In eo duæ tantum continentur species, quarum quæ depingitur fortasse vulgatio est, in mari Indico reperta, longitudine fere tripedali. Adjicitur tabulæ varietas hujus piscis, cui rostrum serratum, a celeberrimo Blochio descripta.



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THE
FIBRE-TAILED FISTULARIA.

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GENERIC CHARACTER.

Snout cylindric, with the mouth at the tip.

Gill-Membrane furnished with seven rays.

Body elongated.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Brown FISTULARIA spotted with blue, with whitish abdomen, red fins, and bifid tail terminated by a long fibre.

The Tobacco-Pipe Fish.

The blue-spotted FISTULARIA.

The singular genus *Fistularia* is readily distinguished by the form of its snout and the length of its body: it contains only two species, of which the present is perhaps the most common: it is found in the Indian seas, and arrives at the length of nearly three feet. A variety with a serrated snout is described by Dr. Bloch, and is also sketched in the present plate.